Special category status for Orissa

1069. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government and all political parties have been demanding to declare Orissa as a special category State;

(b) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister, while visiting Orissa, assured the Chief Minister of the State to consider the demand; and

(c) whether the highest percentage of people are living Below Poverty Line in the State and the State Government's financial position is considered very alarming, as a result of which the State Government is not able to spend the Central assistance including the assistance as relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Orissa and several political parties have demanded to declare Orissa as a Special Catagory State.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Yes Sir, Orissa has the highest percentage of people below the proverty line and the State is passing through a difficult financial situation. Like many other States, the utilization of some components of Central assistance is not hundred per cent.

Pilot Project of National Commission on Population

1070. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Population is launching pilot projects to provide maternal, child health and contraception services through public/private partnership in high growth areas;

(b) if so, the details of the districts in which these projects are going to be launched in various States, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the aim of this project is to monitor each pregnancy in the villages till the birth of the child and to provide basic maternal, child health and contraception services to the family; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The National Commission on Population (NCP) has formulated a Pilot Project for providing contraception and immunization services to the needy through Public Private Partnership in areas where the level of unmet needs for such services are very high. This Project was prepared on the basis of the field visit undertaken by the Member Secretary of the Commission to Raipur District of Chhattisgarh and after detailed discussions held with the concerned State officials and within the Planning Commission. The project initially aimed at monitoring pregnancies and providing maternity services also. However, in view of the costs involved, its scope was subsequently limited to contraception services and immunization of children only. The Project Proposal formulated by the NCP has been forwarded to the Department of Family Welfare for wider consultation and discussion before being taken up for implementation.

Incentives for investment in industrial sector

1071. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of the country granted special incentive towards attracting investment in the industrial sector showing location-wise details of the incentive granted by Government, its duration and conditionalties put; and

(b) the special packages declared from PMO in favour of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Govt. of India has undertaken certain measures to promote industrialization of remote hilly and backward areas of the country, Presently, following States/ Areas are eligible for these incentives.